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1. Richthofen Kaserne.

The unit of about 250 men that arrived in Richthofen Kaserne on 30 March 1955 daily marched in small groups to Doeberitz airfield between 4 and 30 April. Some of the soldiers, in particular the officers, wore flying suits. The soldiers wore light blue epaulets and air force insignia representing wings with perpendicular propellers. The commanding officer of the unit, apparently a major, used sedan

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 Expansion work in the kitchen and heating installations and improvement work in the quartering building indicate that the unit intended to remain in Richthofen Kaserne for a long period.

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The old units in Richthofen still received manual training and theoretical instruction. After 18 April, preparations for May Day were mostly done, such as drilling in platoons and companies, with and without camouflage in review and preparations for athletic contests. Numerous illustrations of various aircraft types were seen on the walls of the classroom building No 16. The technical and historical development of the aircraft was apparently displayed on the pictures. Several small aircraft engines, including presumably a jet engine about 2.5 meters long, were stored in the cellar of building No 16, which was guarded by a Soviet sentry. The previous supply officer Major Ilyonov (fnu) (phonetic spelling) retransferred to the USSR. He was replaced by a younger officer Senior Lieutenant Urnishev (fnu) (phonetic spelling).

2. NSKK Kaserne.

 a unit of about 250 men that newly arrived around 30 March was still quartered in the installation. No connection was observed between this unit and the unit in Richthofen Kaserne, nor could it be determined if the new unit in NSKK Kaserne also marched regularly to the airfield.

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The units in Richthofen Kaserne and NSKK Kaserne were no longer strictly separated. The fence between the two barracks areas still existed but the gate had been withdrawn. The soldiers quartered in the individual installations were allowed to enter both billeting areas and frequented both installations.¹

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3. Doeberitz airfield.

Since 5 April, about 30 Il-10s have again been stationed at Doeberitz airfield. The arrival of the aircraft was not observed. At about 1700 on 5 April, the aircraft were seen for the first time in and between the revetments in the eastern section of the field. They were still observed there on [REDACTED] the aircraft daily practiced flying in flight [REDACTED] 4. The landings were either made successively [REDACTED] take-offs were apparently made in the same way. Local flying frequently included diving from about 800 meters to [REDACTED] meters. Subsequently, the aircraft again climbed. These [REDACTED] aircraft in flight formation. Air activity [REDACTED] All aircraft were given a new coat of paint [REDACTED]

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About 8 Po-2s were also stationed at the field during the period under review. They made individual local dives during daytime and occasionally at night. During night flying activity [REDACTED] lights were simultaneously in operation. It was [REDACTED] the searchlights operated in connection with the aircraft.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. Richthofen and MSKK Kaserne are still occupied by old units and each by one new unit of 250 men.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The information that the aircraft of individual units were given a new coat of paint was received previously. [REDACTED]

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